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1. CANISE was interviewed by [] [] []
report of the meeting is given in para 2.

2. "I saw CANISE on Sunday, 8 March 1953. This was our first meeting since May 1952, although in the meantime we had several telephone conversations. The lack of personal meetings was due to (a) CANISE's vacation in Yugoslavia and Italy (month of July), my leave (October-November), my trip to the U.S. (February), (b) reduction of West German operations, and (c) CANISE's marriage and subsequent child have decreased her own interest in extra-curricular activities.

"During the course of the conversation, which was just as cordial as ever, I asked CANISE if she ever heard from her old boss. She volunteered the following account of her meeting with Hosttl:

"I have had quite a shock a few months ago, in October, I think. One day I read an account in the Welt am Sonntag which described the so-called love life of Ciano. Although the article referred to a mysterious Elsa, it was quite clear that the author knew the facts closely and was acquainted with my role in the Ciano affair. This was bad enough; however on a Sunday (when the Bundestag restaurant is open to the public) I was having coffee (in the Bundestag) with a few friends when my old chief Hosttl walked up to my table. At his request I accompanied him outside. He explained that he came to Bonn from time to time on behalf of a Stuttgart publishing company and asked me what I was doing. I told him I was a journalist, that I was happily married, that I have forgotten all about our past, and that I thought it most inadvisable for us to be seen together. Hosttl seemed to have an understanding for my position'.

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"Answering my question, CAMISE stated that Hoettl addressed her by her real name, indicating that he did not know her assumed or married name. CAMISE feels, due to the circumstances, that the meeting was entirely accidental, that Hoettl spoke to her as an old acquaintance and for no other motive. CAMISE is unaware of any attempts on the part of Hoettl or others to trace her to her office and/or husband. In any case, she has not heard from Hoettl since that one meeting in the Bundestag restaurant.

"CAMISE told me that she related her wartime experiences to her husband in detail and to her boss (Ganlet) in general terms. Thus I think there is no real possibility of blackmailing her into cooperation with the SIS or the SSD; also I think, CAMISE would be quick to report to me any such attempt.

"On basis of the above, I am inclined to consider the Hoettl-CAMISE meeting exactly what it seems to me: an accidental meeting in a public place of two former members of the SIS."

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